

The Ten Words of Salvation's Story (John 3:16)

Proposition: Ten words stand between someone experiencing eternal pain or eternal pleasure, eternal sorrow eternal sweetness, eternal burning or eternal bliss. I want to share with you these ten words and in doing so share with you the wonderful plan of God's Salvation.

I. The Source Of Salvation

- A. The Giver of Salvation
- B. The Gift of Salvation

II. The Secret Of Salvation

- A. The Great Reality of Salvation
- B. The Great Reward of Salvation

III. The Simplicity Of Salvation

- A. A Saving Response
- B. A Saving Reward

IV. The Scope Of Salvation

- A. All People Universally
- B. All People Individually

V. The Seriousness Of Salvation

- A. Seriousness of Hell
- B. Seriousness of Heaven

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Did you know the Holy Spirit sums up God's work of creation in Genesis 1 with 10 statements of the phrase "And God said"

As a matter of fact the whole law of God is summed up in the 10 commandments in Exodus 20. Well here in the very memorable verse the entire way of God Salvation is summed up in 10 very simple yet very important words. Just 10 words that tell us how to live forever. 10 words stand between someone experiencing eternal pain or eternal pleasure, eternal sorrow or eternal sweetness, eternal burning or eternal bliss. I want to share w/you these 10

I. The Source of Salvation - The first two words are God and Son. These two provide us the source the wellspring of ^{Salvation}

A. The Giver of Salvation - God the greek word Theos. This word implies the El Eshim, the God who creates, Jehova the God who covenants, Adonai the God who commands. It is he that is the Giver of salvation

Be assured that this way of salvation was not an after thought, But was in place long before God ever breathed life into Adam.

B. The Gift of Salvation - It may just be an incident of translation but of the

35 words in Jon 3:16, the very center is the word Son! God didn't give an angle to be our salvation, But His very Son. Co equal co eternal co existent, uncreated self-existent Second Person of the Godhead. He came to ^{save} sinners. Paul said it right in 2 Cor 9:15

II. The Secret of Salvation - The next two words important to the Gospel story are Love and Grace. These are the Secret

A. The Great Reality of Salvation - The Great reality is that of Gods Love! This Great and Holy God who is of purer eyes than to behold evil or look upon iniquity. This righteous and Just God, who will by no means clear the guilty, is motivated to kindness toward sinful man by Love. Love unmixed with motive and self interest. But one offense

B. The Great Result of Salvation - Motivated by Love, God gave his only Son. Years ago Henry Morehouse preached all week out of this one text at D.L. Moody's church in Chicago. He finished w/ these words, "I have been trying to tell you how much God loves you. I could borrow Saccus and climb to the city of God and

III. The Simplicity of Salvation - The next two words are believeth and Hath. These two words describe the Simple

A. A Saving Response - The saving response

1) ...these 10 words and in doing so share with you the wonderful plan of God's Salvation.

2) 2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

3) ...the secret or the reasoning behind salvation.

4) ...But one of pure benevolence toward an undeserving creature.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the sky of parchment made, were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade, to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry, nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky, Oh love of God how rich and pure, how measureless and strong, it shall forever more endure the saints and angles song!"

5) ...city of God and ask Gabriel, the herald angel, to tell me how much God loves the world, he would say: "God so loved the world He gave His only Son..."

1) ...when it becomes faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

2) ...was preaching about goin to heaven. He said, "How many of you would like to go to heaven tonight?" And everybody raised their hands but a little boy in the balcony. He tried it again, "How many of you would like to go to heaven?" Everybody but the little fellow in the balcony. So the preacher said, "Son, don't you wan to go to heaven?" The little boy said, "Yeah, someday, but I thought you were gettin' up a load right now!" Well from the moment we believed we've got heaven on earth. Hath!

3) John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them...

is a response of Faith. Everybody has the capacity to believe or exercise faith. We do it everyday. When we send a letter, deposit our check in the bank, ride an airplane. "The everyday ordinary faith

such as we exercise in a Dr., druggist, or driver becomes saving faith when it becomes ^①

B. A Saving Reward - "Hath!" "From the moment we believe, we have, possess a sure eternal life. This is plainly and simply what God said. There are no conditions, probations, installment plans. There are no strings attached. From then to an infinite eternity, we have eternal everlasting life. Pastor was preaching about ^②

IV. The Scope of Salvation - The next two important words are world and whosoever. These yield us the scope of Salvation

A. All People Universally - The Jews of Jesus day thought God only loved them, that they had some sort of monopoly on God. But according to the verse before us today, God's love is not just extended to a chosen few, but to the whole world of sinful man. ^③

Christ's Death on the cross is a plentiful ^{same world} enough to B. All People Individually - God does not save groups of people. The Kingdom of God is enlarged one person

at a time. A little boy was asked what the word "whoever" meant, his response was "It sort of means everyone else, and me." That truly is the scope of salvation. Salvation is simple enough that

V. The Seriousness of Salvation

Now we find our selves with the last two words. Perish and Life. Very Serious Words

A. Seriousness of Hell - Although delightful in its message, John 3:16 reveals the reality of eternal torment. Perish is word that indicates the possibility of ending up in Hell. The word perish is a strong GK word that means "to be lost in utter spiritual destruction." The word implies "utter, incredible loss." Although the salvation is plentiful

B. Seriousness of Heaven - In these two words we have not only the possibility of Hell but the prospect of Heaven. "I shall have everlasting life." This kind of life does not mean just simply a lengthening of our days. One popular novel was written about a woman who lengthened her days for two thousand years - and spent them in misery

VI. Closing - Thelma Gruher's 4 yr old grandson was memorizing John 3:16. He quoted what you would normally read from the gospel of John until he made a slight manuscript change. He said "whoever belenth in him should not perish, but shall live happily ever after!"

1) any man or woman, boy or girl, rich or poor, wise or foolish, could possess this eternal gift. God offers it freely. All we must do is turn and receive it.

2) ...is plentiful in its ability to save. Yet there will be many in fact a majority that will never avail themselves of that so great a salvation.

3) ..and spent them in misery. God is not just offering us a mere quantity of days, but life! Life marked by "joy unspeakable and full of glory!" His kind of life. An eternal life with the absence of defilement, disease, death. With no more sorrow, sadness and pain! An eternity to worship and adore the one who, from his great love sent his son to pay for our sin debt.